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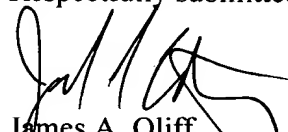
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/260,544, filed March 2, 1999, No. 09/340,236, filed July 1, 1999, and No. 09/661396, filed March 26, 1999 which are directed to related technical subject matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

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